

Amendments to the Abstract

Enclosed please find a replacement Abstract.

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A handling apparatus for groups of thermoformed object constantly held in a correct axial alignment. The apparatus include at least one picking up and release head having as many receiving seats extending parallel to one another from the head as are the stacks to be handled, and a drive apparatus arranged to move a respective pick up and release head between a stack pick up station and a stack release station of one or more stacks of thermoformed objects and to position it correctly both at the stack pick up station and at the stack release station. At least one mobile pusher member is arranged to engage the stacks of thermoformed objects located in each receiving seat, and control drive apparatus for each mobile pusher member to follow and hold down each stack while each stack is being released from its respective receiving seat.